

Appl. No. 09/932,820  
Amdt. dated June 9, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 10, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

These remarks address the objections raised in the final office action dated March 10, 2004. Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's agent at the interview with the Examiner on May 18, 2004.

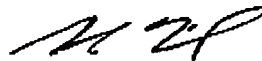
In the final action, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Whittle when combined with Schraeger. The Examiner alleges that it would have been obvious to provide the paint tray of Whittle with a single shaft-like handle as shown by Schraeger. Further, the Examiner has rejected claim 5 as being obvious in view of Whittle, Schraeger and Atwater. Further still, claims 6 and 9 have been rejected as obvious in view of Whittle, Schraeger and Fuhr.

In response to these objections and further to Applicant's interview with the Examiner in which the Examiner indicated that claim 9 is allowable with the further limitation that the spout is an "extending spout", Applicant has cancelled claims 4-8 without prejudice and has amended claim 9 to require "an extending spout".

In view of the foregoing, it is hoped that this case may now pass to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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